

R E M A R K S**Status of the Claims**

Claim 1 is pending in the above-identified application. Claim 1 has been amended. Support for the recitations in claim 1 can be found in the present specification, *inter alia*, at page 7, line 12. No new matter has been added. Based upon the above considerations, entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and allow the currently pending claims.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Examiner states that the foreign patent documents referred to in the Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) have been placed in the file but not considered due to some alleged deficiency. The Examiner alleges that the references not in English are not provided with a concise explanation of their relevance. Applicants respectfully traverse.

With respect to JP 2001-332543 and JP 62-183881, these references are discussed in the present specification. With respect to the other three Japanese references, these documents were provided with a concise explanation of their relevance in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office. (Another copy of the previously submitted English language search report is provided for the Examiner's convenience together with another English language search report which cites all five Japanese references.) Both of these explanations have been deemed sufficient by the USPTO. See MPEP 609.04(a)(III). Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that these references be considered.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 2, and 4 of U.S. Patent No. 7,186,454.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are requested based upon the filing herewith of an appropriate Terminal Disclaimer (and fee), which disclaims the terminal portion of any patent granted in the matter of the present application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 7,186,454. Based upon the submission of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer, withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Issues under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a)

The Examiner has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Nagano et al. '858 (US 2004/0175858).

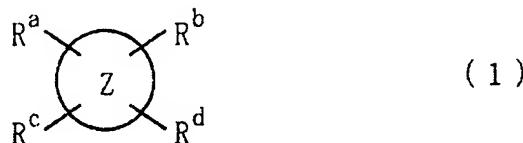
Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, and reconsideration is based on the following remarks.

The Present Invention

An object of the present invention is to provide an aromatic polyamine, used as the material monomer of polybenzazoles, having a markedly increased solubility in a solvent.

As amended, claim 1 recites:

An aromatic polyamine derivative represented by following Formula (1):



wherein Ring Z represents a monocyclic or polycyclic aromatic ring; R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d are each a substituent bound to Ring Z, wherein R^a, R^b are the same as or different from each other and each represent a protected or unprotected amino group, and R^c and R^d are the same as or different from each other and each represent a protected or unprotected amino group, a protected or unprotected hydroxy group, or a protected or unprotected mercapto group, and wherein at least one of R^a, R^b, R^c, and R^d represents an amino group protected by an aliphatic alkylidene group.

Removal of the Cited Art

Applicants claim the benefit of foreign priority for JP 2003-383223 and JP 2003-376049. Applicants have filed herewith certified English translations of the foreign priority documents having filing dates of November 13, 2003 and November 5, 2003, respectively. The foreign priority documents support the invention as presently claimed.

Applicants have perfected a claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and the foreign priority dates antedate the filing date of Nagano et al. '858. As such, the cited reference cannot be considered prior art, and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

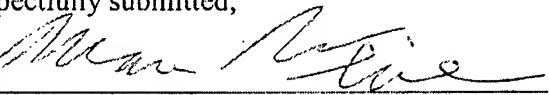
A full and complete response has been made to all issues as cited in the Office Action. Applicants have taken substantial steps in efforts to advance prosecution of the present application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance issue for the present case clearly indicating that claim 1 is allowed and patentable under the provisions of title 35 of the United States Code.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad M. Rink, Reg. No. 58,258 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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